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USAIC reorganization ceremony cancelled

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center has cancelled the reorganization ceremony and inactivation of the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade which was scheduled for today at 4 p.m., at Brown Parade Field.

The inactivation will still be held however. For more information call Patricia Maggard at 533-1235.

Lil' Skeeters moving to new home

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation restaurant Lil' Skeeters will close its current operation Friday and move to the 19th Hole at the Mountain View Golf Course.

The restaurant will open with a scaled down version between 45-90 days.

The facility move is the first step in a Fort Huachuca wide upgrade of MWR facilities, which is expected to continue through 2008.

Road closures

Today the contractor will be repairing the sewer line on the North side of Mott Circle and will take approximately two weeks.

Residents are urged to keep children and pets out of the construction area. Any disturbed fencing and landscaping will be restored by the contractor.

In the Miles Manor housing area, the contractor will install treated effluent irrigation piping along Cushing Street, during the daytime. There will be street closures and re-routing of traffic at the following locations and times:

Smith Avenue and Cushing Street -Monday; North Avenue and Cushing Street - Wednesday; Squire Avenue and Cushing Street - April 4.

For more information, call Tom Campbell at 533-3472.

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They're not just combat engineers

A select few of soldiers here on post love to put on the hard hat and get their boots dirty as part of their everyday mission. They're Army engineers and they're saving the post big bucks. Page 3

National Prayer Breakfast

As American troops are on the ground risking their lives in Iraq for freedom, the Nation remembers them in prayer during the National Prayer Breakfast. Former post commander Maj. Gen. (retired) John D. Thomas spoke at the fort's event. Page 3

Tax deadline looms near for filers

Only a couple more weeks left before tax season is over. Latest tax article is related to college students. Page 9

'Overwhelming force' at work in Iraq

BY GUNNERY SGT.
CHARLES PORTMAN
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CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, QATAR, — Gen. Tommy R. Franks emerged from his forward command post Saturday and said operations in Iraq will be characterized by shock, surprise and flexibility.

"This will be a campaign unlike any other in history," Franks said in his first briefing since the war began Mar. 19. "The outcome is not in doubt."

The general and other war planners in the region are executing Operation Iraqi Freedom by employing precision munitions "on a scale never before seen," Franks said, "and by the application of overwhelming force."

In addition to exerting military force, Franks said the coalition will work "to end sanctions and to immediately deliver humanitarian support to the displaced, and to many Iraqi citizens."

At his disposal to disarm Saddam Hussein's regime, Gen. Franks has a coalition of Army and Marine forces, air forces from several nations, naval forces including the U.S. Coast Guard and special operations forces.

Franks said elements of these forces are being introduced across the breadth and depth of Iraq.

The coalition is communicating with a number of senior Iraqi officials, the general said, and these talks are expected to continue.

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U.S. Army photo

M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles line up in the Kuwaiti desert before the invasion into Iraq. The conflict is now one week old.

more have laid down their weapons and returned home.

Aerial photos have revealed several hundred Iraqi soldiers in formations consistent with instructions printed on capitulation leaflets disbursed across the country. They are believed to be awaiting further instructions from coalition forces.

When asked about the success of the coalition's efforts to target so called 'regime targets,' Franks said there seems to be confusion within Saddam's

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U.S. Central Command photo

Gen. Tommy R. Franks, U.S. Central Command commander, addresses the media for the first time since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom Saturday. Franks said the military campaign will be "unlike any other in history."

Town Hall addresses fort's community concerns, issues

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS
DONALD SPARKS
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

Brig. Gen. John Custer, acting commander U.S. Army Intelligence School led a panel of post representatives in responding to questions from the community members during the live TV Town Hall broadcast on the Commander's Access Channel Tuesday.

He was joined by Col. Lawrence Portouw, U.S. Army Garrison commander during the show.

"The 'live' TV Town Hall meeting on Channel 97 is another innovative way to keep our military and civilian communities informed about issues

relating to Fort Huachuca," Custer said addressing the audience.

Viewers were able to call in and ask questions on a variety of topics ranging from the increase of undocumented immigrants found on the installation, the new juvenile curfew policy and assistance to family members of deployed soldiers.

Portouw opened the forum by praising the new Bonnie Blink housing area which opened last month to soldiers and their family members.

"The major milestone for me was running through the area and seeing a school bus picking up kids for the first time," Portouw said.

He also mentioned other demolition going on post to build new housing in other neighborhoods.

"This week heavy construction equipment is moving on to the fort to begin excavation near the Commissary area," Portouw said. "This is a long-term program for us, and by 2007 we'll replace our old substandard housing on Fort Huachuca and make Fort Huachuca the best place to be in the Army."

Portouw also addressed the success of the Army Family Action Plan conference which was held March 10-13.

"We got tremendous sup-

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Col. Lawrence Portouw, left, U.S. Army Garrison commander, Dan Valle, center, director of Community Activities, and Brig. Gen. John Custer, acting Fort Huachuca commander, discuss an issue during the live TV Town Hall Tuesday on the Commander's Access Channel.

Conservation easement partners fort to protect water usage with community

BY ERIC CRAMER
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST

In a ceremony Monday, officials from the Nature Conservancy, Fort Huachuca and the Bureau of Land Management completed a conservation easement on a Palomina-area ranch owned by Charles and Evelyn Sylvester.

A conservation easement is a legal agreement made by a property owner, restricting the type and amount of development that make take place on the property.

This is the first such easement that has been supported by funding from the Depart-

ment of the Army, according to Bill Childress of BLM.

The easement's restrictions mean the 909-acre Sylvester property will no longer be used for irrigated agriculture.

The easement limits groundwater pumping on 120 acres of the ranch, and also limits future subdivision of the property.

It allowed the Sylvesters to build a new home, and to continue with livestock grazing.

Holly Richter, of the Nature Conservancy, said the easement is part of a major effort by the Upper San Pedro Partnership, an organization of more than 20 government

agencies and private organizations that work together to meet the water needs of area residents and protect the San Pedro River.

The Sylvester easement is the second established in the area, and protects the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation area. It also supports the Palomina Community Plan developed in 2000.

Fort Huachuca garrison commander Col. Lawrence Portouw called the easement a "win-win" situation for everyone involved.

"This is a great step for-

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Courtesy photo

Private memorial

Pfc. William Hamm was remembered in a ceremony March 20 as an annex in Goddard Hall here was named after the fallen Military Intelligence soldier. See related story on Page 7.

Operation Iraqi Freedom

McCain speaks on war in Iraq

“Mr. President, the war to disarm Saddam Hussein and liberate the Iraqi people has begun. Many Americans feel we have waited a long time for this just war to come; many feel we haven’t waited long enough. But the Iraqi people have waited for far too long, suffered for far too long - and the world has for too long failed to come to grips with the consequences of Saddam Hussein’s acquisition of an arsenal of terror.



courtesy photo

The wait is over; the liberation of the Iraqi people is underway; and the world is witnessing the end of one of the most horrible regimes in modern history, and with it the end of the threat Iraq has for too long posed to its people, its neighbors, and the world.

“There has been no rush to war. That the United States exhausted diplomacy is evident in both the 12-year history of our dealings with Iraq since the first Gulf War and the six-month effort at the Security Council to build consensus on the need to disarm Iraq. There will be plenty of time to discuss the American diplomatic campaign that preceded the war once military action is over. There is no cause to do so today. We stand united in our support for our armed forces and confident in the swift victory that we pray will be theirs.

“One of America’s finest traditions is our ability to draw together in support of our men and women in uniform when they are actively engaged in the defense of our freedom. American forces in the Iraq theater fight not for narrow interests or for reasons of national pride.

American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines are engaged in combat today so that our people do not live in a world in which tyrants armed with weapons of horror hold free nations hostage, and in doing so threaten freedom itself.

“Our armed forces fight to disarm and destroy a regime that has proven not only that it will continue to stockpile weapons of mass destruction, but that it will use them. Our military fights to uphold the demands of the United Nations Security Council for Iraq’s disarmament, even though some in that body shirk their own obligations to hold Iraq to account for its defiance. Our men and women fight so that the Iraqi people no longer live in terror but have cause to believe, as Americans believe, that liberty’s blessings are not the prerogative of a lucky few, but the inalienable right of all mankind.

“The liberty we cherish, and in which we want all people to share, has a price. Young Americans are paying it tonight in Iraq - not out of any grand design for empire, not for oil, not out of dislike for the Iraqi people, but for love - love of America, love for her founding principles, love for her way of life, and love for the greatness that history has judged to be hers not because of riches or power, but because of her abiding commitment to the cause of human freedom.

“America is great not because of what she has done for herself, but because of what she has done for others. In another age, we helped liberate Europe from Hitler’s tyranny, and ended Japanese imperialism in Asia. In extraordinary acts of generosity, we helped rebuild Europe and Japan and transform former enemies into the closest of allies. I believe the liberation of Iraq will be judged by history to be of similar nobility.

“Many of us remember parents and grandparents who served in the Second World War as our “greatest generation.” Another generation of heroes is being forged from the ruins of the attacks of

September 11th. Just as Pearl Harbor opened the eyes of America to the grave

peril beyond her shores, so have the terrorists who attacked us roused in America the conviction that we will never again suffer such infamy.

“Nearly a century ago, President Woodrow Wilson issued a rousing call to make the world safe for democracy. Americans, and the world, did not rise to the challenge, and the bloodiest century in the history of humanity ensued. The President has ordered American forces into action in Iraq to help make America, and the world, safe from another such century, when tyrants are empowered by technology to inflict the sort of devastation from which free nations might not recover - a capability that puts freedom itself in peril. America, the greatest of free nations, will not take that risk.

“I wish American forces in Iraq every hope for rapid victory. They fight for love of freedom - a love, which is invincible. The world is better for their courage and dedication. Victory will be ours - and all honor will be theirs. God bless them and may humanity honor their sacrifice.”

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Arizona senator John McCain

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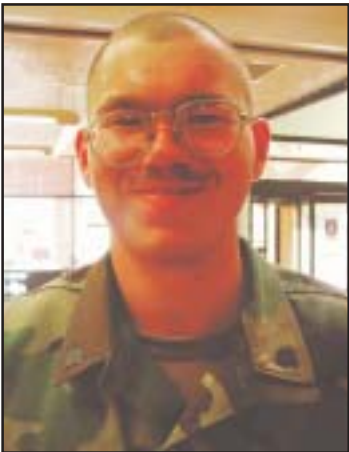
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“God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God and God in him... There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear...”
– I John 4:16, 18.

Last Sunday I was “inspired” by a sermon by Chaplain (Col.) Ryder Stevens (who happens to also be my boss). In it he talked about how we are “getting too much TV” (coverage of the war in Iraq) and how we are actually more stressed as we watch the TV than are the military involved in “Operation Iraqi Freedom.” As the rear-detachment chaplain for the 11th Signal Brigade, I find that this is indeed true.

As we, spouses, family members and friends, watch the news; we are receiving “play-by-play” accounts by “embedded news people” at such a rapid rate that I liken it to a Nintendo game with all its visual and auditory action. However the reports don’t end in 50 minutes (with three sessions of commercials) and the “storyline” is not consistent.

The first two days everyone was excited because we were moving so fast that tanks had to stop so refuelers could catch up. But at the first mention of Prisoners of War, the news media asked its audience to vote on if we should discontinue the war. In fact, the question was posed to General Franks to which he answered, “no.” As the days moved on (and continue) we saw/see more and more bad news. I see in my own family how it gets people down – I can only imagine how much more the news puts fear in the hearts of those who have spouses, parents and friends over in the “sandbox.” By watching the news 24/7 we become overwhelmed. In that overwhelmed-ness, we also empower the forces against us – evil, if you will.

It’s like this; we felt good as the war was beginning, and we felt bad as the war news progressed. This bad feeling overshadowed the good and we felt despair (depression). Now, not all can be good news, but we don’t need to know all the news. So, what can we do to get back into sync with reality?

First, turn the TV off or watch a good movie. Get the chaos and sound bytes of war out of your family room. Go for a walk. Talk to your children while playing a board game. Understand that the news will continue every day until there is some conclusion to the war and your watching it isn’t going to make it end any faster.

Second, I believe scripture has much to offer in the way of real comfort. Kings 6:15-23 is a story of Israel at war with Aram and the prophet Elisha is being chased by the king of Aram. Elisha, strong in faith, says to his servant, “Don’t be afraid... those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” At this the eyes of Elisha’s servant were opened and he saw thousands of horses and fiery chariots (angels) ready to fight for Elisha.

Isaiah 41:10 comforts us in these words, “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Psalms 23 tells us that we will have a rough road ahead, but listen to these words, “even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil...” Please notice that the writer says *walk through* not *pitch your tent* in the valley. The constant news blitz has us bogged down in the valley – in reality, as hardships are faced, and this war is one of them, we walk through the valley to get to the other side – because we walk with God as our protector and will be able to go on once we reach the other side.

What then is the bottom-line on this? To know that there is no fear in love. Do not allow yourself to be sucked into the endless news on TV – take time for your life away from all of that. In doing so, you honor those participating in “Operation Iraqi Freedom” and honor the love and faith you have for your friends, spouses and God Himself. I know that our military and those supporting them in this conflict are not alone. Those of us left behind as family, friends and comrades-in-arms are not alone either. Fear not, pray for peace.

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Napolitano: live life as normal

Statement from Governor Napolitano regarding the war in Iraq:

With the war in Iraq underway, my thoughts are with the thousands of military men and women from Arizona who are a part of the war effort. I hope for a quick and successful end to hostilities, so that these brave men and women in uniform may return safely home to their families.

For Arizonans who are concerned about their safety during this time of war, I encourage you to go about your life as normal. Arizona’s landmarks, vital facilities, and its communities are in good hands, as they are guarded carefully by local, state and federal authorities. To do your part to ensure we are safe, remain calm, but be aware of your surroundings, in your neighborhood and when

you are out and about in your community. I encourage you to report anything suspicious to local law enforcement authorities or the Department of Public Safety’s Domestic Preparedness Center at (602) 223-2680.



Who do you think is the most influential woman in America’s history?



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Army engineers save post \$100K on range renovations

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DONALD SPARKS
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Although Fort Huachuca is manned predominantly by Military Intelligence and Signal Corps soldiers, there are a special breed here who love to put on their hard hats and get their boots dirty when given the opportunity, they'll bulldoze right into action.

These select few are the Army engineers working for the Directorate of Installation Support and led by Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Savidge, noncommissioned officer in charge, Directorate of Installation Support.

"We are construction engineers and we love to work," Savidge said of himself and his two soldiers, Spc. Erick Curry and Pfc. Kenneth Coe who are assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison.

"We first took the project on just for training for our surveyor," Savidge said. "After Range Control realized what we were capable of doing, they asked if we could assist them in the removal of the 10-foot high and 360-foot long berm which obstructed the 550-meter and 600-meter targets firing line."

Scott Miller, Range Control officer in charge, originally undertook the project.

According to Miller, part of Range Control's mission includes upgrading the ranges so the soldiers that train at Fort Huachuca receive the best possible training facilities the Army can provide to ensure when it comes to their warfighting skills they maintain a high level of proficiency.

Range 9 was the M-60 and M2 .50 cal fa-

miliarization range. The units were unable to qualify to Army standards. Previously, the M249 weapon system was able to qualify on Range 8, with a modified qualification system, which was labor intensive for Range Control, and the units. Now the soldiers will be able to have a true qualification out to 800 meters on all crew served weapons.

In upgrading the range it not only allows the installation to train its units but give all the Reservists, National Guard, and sister services the ability to train on Fort Huachuca, and give them the opportunity to qualify on crew served weapon systems where previously they were unable.

"This will ensure that future training here at Fort Huachuca ranges will improve the individual skill of those soldiers that are deploying so they can qualify and be confident with their marksmanship skills with the M-249," Curry said. "Now they won't have a false picture and can better use their weapon."

Curry and Coe surveyed the targets last October and realized they didn't meet the known distance requirements for the range.

According to Savidge, that alone was nearly \$40,000 worth of surveying at a cost avoidance.

His soldiers surveyed four lanes with 12 targets per lane. The contractor used the surveying results to establish and to put up the targets that were surveyed from the Army engineers.

To renovate the range, the engineers knocked down the old berms that were in place so the firers could have a good line of site to the targets.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Savidge, noncommissioned officer in charge, Directorate of Installation Support, moves part of the concrete berm as part of renovations to Range 9.

Savidge mentioned the project is saving Fort Huachuca approximately \$100K when factoring in the cost for surveying the targets, tearing down the retaining wall for the berm and moving nearly 4,000 cubic yards of dirt.

"All of this with only two operators," Savidge said. "Normally a project of this nature would be given to a squad size element comprised of seven soldiers, a squad leader, two bulldozers operators, a grader, a bucket loader and two 5-ton operators. You'd also have to add the expense of transporting the equipment here."

During the surveying it was discovered the 550-meter target fell just below the 10-foot high berm leading to poor visibility of the target. Also the concrete had to be busted out to prevent ricochets. The bullets could bounce off the concrete and possibly spark a fire.

"Also the contractor would have problems busting a hole through the concrete to install

the pneumatic line for the pop up targets," Savidge said. "It just makes it easier to make a straight line for the targets. When firing from downrange, the soldiers wouldn't have had a good clean sight at the 550 and 600-meter targets on the far side of the berm. Now the firer will have a good clean line of sight."

For Savidge, the opportunity for his soldiers to actually perform their mission is a plus and meant a lot to him.

"Because we don't have a construction unit here, this project gives them an opportunity to be proficient with their equipment," Savidge said. "And it keeps me proficient on my job as well as a construction supervisor."

Curry echoed his supervisor's satisfaction of getting their boots dirty.

"It's always fun to get behind the big dozer and watch it do some damage," Curry said. "This is what I joined the Army for, and now I'm finally doing my job. I love it."

Community asks for the blessings of peace during National Prayer Breakfast

BY STAFF SGT.
SHARRON STEWART
SCOUT TIME OUT EDITOR

Members of different faiths from Fort Huachuca and the Sierra Vista community gathered at the La Hacienda, Tuesday, to address their respective God and to ask for the blessings of peace and safety for the American servicemembers deployed overseas as well as for the Iraqi people.

During the ceremony, prayer was said by a member of the Islamic, Jewish, Buddhist, and Christian faiths, passages were read from the Bible, and patriotic hymns were sung.

"I consider it a great honor to introduce the guest speaker," said Brig. Gen. John Custer, acting commander U.S. Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. The guest speaker was retired Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr. who relinquished his command of Fort Huachuca on Sept. 11, 2001.

"There is no better place to be during this time, for our country and for our Army, than right here praying with you this morning. Our prayers are with the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines and their families, and



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Former Fort Huachuca Commander Maj. Gen. (retired) John D. Thomas, center, was the guest speaker at Tuesday's National Prayer Breakfast.

also with the Iraqi commander in chief. Our prayers are also with the Prisoners of War, the wounded, those missing in action, and the families of those who have suffered loss.

"Under girding our nation with prayer is nothing new and that's where we need to keep our focus," Thomas said.

Thomas went on to quote from Second Chronicles 7:14 which states, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves,

and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Thomas said that lessons are learned from reflection on history and that there were several lessons learned from history, that often there are opportunities to prevent repression and destruction, but often those opportunities are passed by.

"During the period of the 1930s, Hitler clearly violated the provisions

of the Versailles Treaty that limited armaments and military training. During that time no action was taken, peace was viewed as being more important than freedom. The results became clear in 1939 when Hitler began expansion. That was an opportunity missed," Thomas said.

"Since Sept. 11, things have changed in the United States America has been strong and steadfast when facing this challenge to freedom. America recognizes that is under girded by prayer. We know that prayer makes a difference. Sometimes with instant reporting of the news, we forget that it's really the soldier, sailor, Airman and Marine that accomplishes the mission and pays the price," Thomas said.

"Behind all of life and all of history, there is a dedication and a purpose, touched by the hand of a just and faithful God. If we keep that in mind, we understand how people can do heroic deeds. We've seen this during our entire history and during our recent military engagements.

"We pray for wisdom to know and to do what is right and we pray for God's peace in the affairs of man. God bless you all," Thomas said.

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port from the community," Portouw said. "We look at AFAP as sort of our board of directors. It's a great opportunity to set our [command leadership] priority for what we need to work on."

During the hour-long segment, Custer reminded the community the leadership is concerned about making quality of life better on Fort Huachuca and the Town Hall provides a means for their voice to be heard.

Before signing off, Custer asked the audience to remember the troops who are supporting the War on Terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The rebroadcast of Feed-back, Fort Huachuca's live TV Town Hall will begin airing today at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. and will air through Apr. 3, on the Commander's Access Channel.

Also readers can look for articles related to concerns and issues from the Town Hall in future editions of *The Scout*.

Grueling desert landscape ensures real-world training for MIOBC students

BY STAFF SGT. SHARRON STEWART
SCOUT TIME OUT EDITOR

"Welcome to Afghanistan. You have now been here for 48 hours," said Capt. Eddie Perry, Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course instructor in a no-nonsense voice. Perry, along with Maj. Steve Blake, British exchange officer, and Capt. Micah Duke, veteran of Operation Anaconda, conducted real-world training at Coronado National Memorial Caverns, March 14.

During the arduous, steep trek across hilly and rocky terrain, Blake explained the offensive and defensive use of caves and queried the students regarding some subtle and some not to subtle changes in the terrain.

"Have a look around and see what you can see and try to commit it to memory. Things have just changed significantly," Blake informed the students as he discussed terrain analysis methodology, which is surveying what type of cave systems may be found in a given area.

"This contributes to the Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield," Blake noted. He said up until Afghanistan an IPB meant (observing) land, air and sea. Our recent experiences has taught us that we need to add a subterranean aspect. As far as we know, this methodology isn't being taught anywhere else," Blake stated.

Blake went on to note the difference in granite and limestone. He said limestone indicates a better of chance of caves being formed and said caves can be used to store ammunition, food and combatants.

"You don't really get subterranean erosion caves from granite, because it's a very, hard rock. Depending on the nature of the earth it's laying on, improvements may be able to be made. Actually fighting in caves is like fighting in urban terrain. The caves are like tunnels in that you pop back in and out back into

the open," Blake pointed out.

Duke told the group of students about his experiences in Afghanistan and told how Afghanistan forces used caves to their advantage because American forces had placed landing zones below the cave lines, which caused serious complications.

"In and of itself, assimilating all of this information is kind of like mental gymnastics," Duke said. "As an intelligence officer you are trying to figure out how the enemy is using the cave, how you think they are defending the cave, what you think is in there, and how you think they are communicating between compounds. You also need to supply your commander with a way to destroy it," Duke said.

"You will have to clear a cave methodically, step by step. Put yourself in the mind of the bad dudes. You have to think of the next step. With a cave, they can duck in and hide and react to the way you will search it. The al-Qaeda used the caves against us extremely well as a battlefield effect," Duke said.

"We won Operation Anaconda," Duke continued. "It's all about doing the best you can with what intel you have. You have all gained a lot of knowledge, now use it," Duke urged them.

Perry said he got the idea for the expedition because he wanted to simulate real-world training and because he wanted to stress the importance of IPB, which he said is the overall job of an intelligence officer. "Some of them will be deployed when they get to their duty stations. We want them to be prepared thoroughly," Perry said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Maj. Steve Blake, British exchange officer, discusses the type of terrain Military Intelligence Officers might encounter if they're sent to Afghanistan in future assignments.



Coalition forces on track, ‘flowing’ closer to Baghdad

BY JIM GARAMONE
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

After five days of ground combat, coalition forces are more than 200 miles into Iraq and poised to take on forces defending Baghdad, DoD leaders said Tuesday.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Air Force Gen. Richard Myers told reporters at a Pentagon press conference that the plan to disarm Saddam Hussein and liberate the Iraqi people is on track. As part of the war plan, more U.S. troops are flowing into the region, Rumsfeld said.

“There is a force flow that’s been put in place weeks and weeks and weeks ago, where people were mobilized, people were trained, ... equipment was loaded on ships, ships were leased, ships were sent over, ships moved into position, ships were unloaded, personnel were airlifted over to meet with their equipment,” he said. “And every hour the number of U.S. and coalition forces in that country are increasing.”

Myers called the plan put in place by U.S. Central Command “brilliant.” He said most of the casualties sustained by coalition forces have been as a result of Iraqi committing serious violations of the law of armed conflict and the Geneva Conventions.

And while embedded reporters show skirmishes in Iraq, he is satisfied with the progress.

“We’ve been at it now for less than a week,” Myers said. “We’re just about to Baghdad.”

Rumsfeld addressed reports that there was a “red line” — as some news stories called it — around Baghdad where local Iraqi commanders could use chemical and biological weapons.

“There has been intelligence scraps, who knows how accurate they are, chatter in the system that suggest that the closer that coalition forces get to Baghdad and Tikrit, the greater the likelihood and that some command and control arrangements (to use chemical weapons) have been put in place,” Rumsfeld said.

He said the campaign could “grow more dangerous in the coming days and weeks as coalition forces close on Baghdad and the regime is faced with its certain death.”

Rumsfeld responded to analysts who insist that the coalition plan is seriously flawed. He said many experts made the same criticism about operations in Afghanistan. “Then Mazar-e Sharif fell,” he said.

Rumsfeld reminded everyone that the war is only five days old. “We’re still, needless to say, much closer to the beginning than the end,” he said. “The men and women in the uniform ... are performing superbly. They’re doing an outstanding job.”



Photo by Spc. Joshua Risner

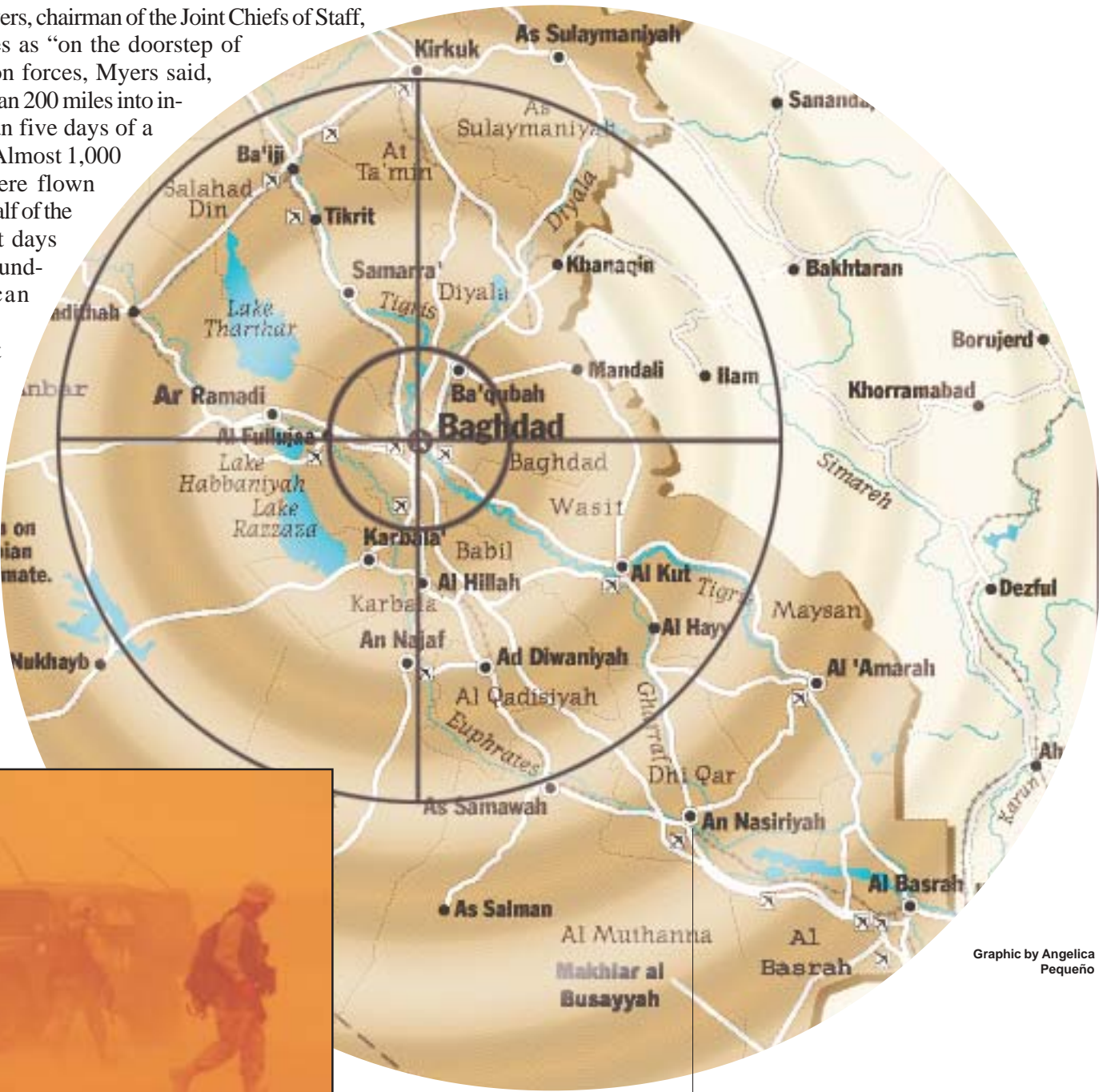
Mourning eagles

Three captains from the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, mourn the loss of their comrade, Capt. Christopher Seifert, 28, at a memorial service Monday morning in Kuwait. Seifert, a graduate of the Military Intelligence Advanced Officers Course, died after a grenade exploded in his tent while he was sleeping. A soldier was taken into custody suspected of the attack that wounded 12 others.

Myer: ‘Forces on the doorstep of Baghdad’

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, described the forces as “on the doorstep of Baghdad.” Coalition forces, Myers said, have moved more than 200 miles into inside Iraq in less than five days of a ground campaign. Almost 1,000 sorties, he said, were flown Monday and about half of the air strikes in recent days have focused on pounding the Republican Guard.

“They’ll have a lot more to be concerned about shortly,” Myers said of the Iraqi leaders.



Graphic by Angelica Pequeno



Photo by Pfc. James Matise

Despite sandstorms in the region, coalition forces have advanced at a record pace in Iraq moving towards Baghdad. Air sorties have also continued to bombard the city averaging 1,000 a day since the attack.

Battle intensifies around Nasiriyah

U.S. Marines encountered fierce resistance from Iraqi soldiers as part of the heaviest fighting of the war. Army units were battling to the west of the Marines. As of Wednesday, there were 23 casualties in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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regime. “I believe command and control is not exactly as advertised on Baghdad television.”

The general would not discuss strategic targets, but said several “emerging targets,” such as leadership targets, military formations and mobile communications sites have been attacked within the past 24 hours.

Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, a senior U.S. Central Command operations officer, said coalition forces have already achieved several objectives since the onset of the war.

“Our first effort is aggressive and direct attacks to disrupt the regime’s key command, control, communications, integrated air defense and ballistics missiles,” Brooks said.

Special operations forces are inside Iraq searching for the regime’s weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles, he said.

Coalition maritime interdiction missions have prevented the release of 139 floating mines in to Iraqi inland waterways that join with the Arabian Gulf.

Sunday at approximately 6 p.m., the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force attacked and seized the Rumaylah oil fields in southern Iraq. “The oil fields were spared destruction that was intended by the regime,” Brooks said.

Only nine of roughly 500 oil wells in the Rumaylah oil fields were sabotaged by the regime, Brooks said.

At the same time the Rumaylah oil fields were being secured, ground maneuver forces began an “unprecedented,” combined arms penetration deep into Iraq.

The attack continues, Brooks said, and has already moved the distance of the long-term maneuver in the 1991 Gulf War in one quarter of the time.

Asked if he thought Hussein was dead or alive, Gen. Franks said he does not know. “It’s not about that one personality,” he said. “It’s about this regime, and so that’s what we’re going to focus on.”

Franks offered condolences to the families of the coalition service members killed in action.

Web site provided for frequently asked questions on Operation Iraqi Freedom available

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The Army’s homepage has created a link to answer frequently asked questions family members may have concerning their loved ones participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Question: I haven’t heard from my son/daughter/husband/wife/etc. in awhile and am concerned — how do I get in contact with them?

Answer: It is highly unlikely that you will be able to contact your Soldier directly while military operations are ongoing.

However, rest assured that once things have quieted down, and if the mission allows it and facilities are available, Soldiers will be given the opportunity to contact their loved ones.

Question: I have a family emergency and need to get in contact with my son/daughter/husband/wife/etc — how do I get in contact with them?

Answer: The Rear Detachment is the single best official connection to your Soldier’s unit while it is deployed. If you

don’t know how to contact your Soldier’s Rear Detachment, you can contact the American Red Cross at <http://www.redcross.org>.

Question: I have some family-related issues (non-emergency) I don’t know how to handle — where can I go for help?

Answer: Go to the Army Family Liaison Office web site at <http://www.aflo.org> or to the Army Community Service web site at <http://www.goacs.org> and you should be able to find the information/contacts you need.

Additionally, The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, in conjunction with the Army Family Liaison Office, has established a toll-free Family Assistance hotline (800) 833-6622.

The Army Family Assistance Hotline is for use only by family members of Soldiers on active duty and those in the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve called to active duty.

The mission of the hotline is to provide Army families caring support in the form of accurate information, useful resources, and helpful referrals related to family issues. The hotline will

not be able to answer questions about casualties or Soldiers wounded or missing in action, or any operational matters.

Question: I want to enlist in the Army — who do I contact?

Answer: Go to <http://www.goarmy.com>. At this Army recruiting web site you can obtain your local recruiting station’s address and telephone number, send the recruiters an e-mail, or engage in an on-line chat with a recruiter.

Question: I want to send a message of support to our troops — where do I send it? Can I send goodies/books/etc?

Answer: DoD officials ask citizens not to flood the military mail system with letters, cards, and gifts. Due to security concerns and transportation constraints, the Defense Department can’t accept items mailed to “Any Servicemember.” However, there are numerous other ways in which you can show your support for our troops.

If your question doesn’t fit into any of the above categories, go to <http://www.dtic.mil/armylink/faq/> which contains a more extensive listing of Frequently Asked Questions.

American military women shape the 20th century

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Jacqueline “Jackie” Cochran

During her aviation career, Jackie Cochran set more speed and altitude records than any of her contemporaries, male or female. She not only became one of the world’s great aviatrixes but also one of the best pilots of either gender.



Courtesy photo

Throughout her life, Cochran demonstrated an incredible drive; she wanted to succeed at everything she did. Remarkably, Cochran, unlike many famous aviators, did not originally show an interest in learning to fly. In fact, she obtained her pilot’s license only so that she could peddle her own line of cosmetics across the country. Nevertheless, Cochran was a true aviation pioneer.

When World War II began, Cochran traveled to England to observe how female pilots were helping the British war effort. She had been contemplating the idea of a fleet of women aviators who could fly military aircraft in support of general operations.

The idea was to free up men so they could fight in the war, instead of dealing with such tasks as ferrying military planes and providing basic aerial training. While overseas, Cochran saw that women could effectively take on the more routine tasks of military flight, and she lobbied the U.S. government to create just such an outfit.

In 1942, Cochran got her wish. Army Air Force General Henry “Hap” Arnold asked her to organize the Women’s Flying Training Detachment to train women pilots to handle basic military flight support. The following year, Cochran received an appointment to lead the Women’s Air Force Service Pilots, or WASPs. The WASPs were essentially two groups in one—the WFTD, and another organization called the Women’s Auxiliary Ferry Squadron, a group responsible for delivering military planes to their base of operations.

The WASPs proved invaluable to the war effort. They transported planes overseas, tested various military aircraft, taught aerial navigation, and provided target towing. Under Cochran’s leadership, the WASPs grew to well over 1000 members, but despite their usefulness, the organization did not last long. In December 1944, Congress disbanded the WASPs because scores of male pilots complained they

were being put out of work. During their brief existence, the WASPs delivered approximately 12,650 planes and flew more than 60 million miles (97 million kilometers). In recognition of her leadership, Cochran received the U.S. Distinguished Service Medal, the first civilian woman ever to do so.

After the war, Cochran returned to racing and setting records. In 1950, she set a new international speed record for propeller-driven aircraft by flying a P-51 at 447.47 miles per hour (719 kilometers per hour). Then, in 1953, while flying a Sabrejet F-86, she became the first woman to break Mach 1, or the sound barrier.

Interestingly, in the late 1950s, as the U.S. human spaceflight program was getting started, Cochran was among 13 women who lobbied to become a female astronaut. The idea, however, did not come to fruition then because of the political volatility of the issue.

In the 1960s, Cochran continued to set records. Many of these new marks came while she was working as a test pilot for Northrop and Lockheed. In 1961, she established a string of eight major speed records in a Northrop T-38. Three years later, she set three new speed records in a Lockheed 104 jet Starfighter. During one of her runs, she flew more than 1,429 miles per hour (2,300 kilometers per hour), the fastest a woman had ever flown.

In the 1970s, Cochran finally slowed down due to a serious cardiac condition. During the decade, she received numerous awards and honorary degrees in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments. In August of 1980, after struggling with failing health, Cochran died in Indio, California.

Lt. General Claudia J. Kennedy



Courtesy photo

Kennedy was born in Frankfurt, Germany. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Southwestern at Memphis and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in June 1969 through the Women’s Army Corps. She was confirmed by the Senate for promotion to Lieutenant General and assigned to the position of Deputy Chief of Staff for intelligence as of May 21, 1997.

Kennedy held a variety of command and staff positions throughout her career. Key assignments include: Commander, 3rd Operations

Battalion, U.S. Army Field Station Augsburg, Germany; Commander, San Antonio Recruiting Battalion, U.S. Army Recruiting Command; and Commander, 703rd Military Intelligence Brigade, Field Station Kunia, Hawaii.

She served as Operations Officer, U.S. Army Field Station Augsburg, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command; Staff Officer, Directorate of Training, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Washington, DC; the Director of Intelligence, G2, Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia, as Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca/Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Intelligence School at Fort Huachuca, Arizona; and as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence at Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC.

She retired from the Army June 2, 2000.

Admiral Grace Murray Hopper



Courtesy photo

Vincent Foster Hopper, an educator, in 1930, and began teaching mathematics at Vassar in 1931.

The Murrays were a family with a long military tradition; Grace Hopper’s ancestors had served in the American Revolutionary War. Thus it surprised no one when she resigned her Vassar post to join the Navy WAVES (Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service) in 1943. Commissioned as a lieutenant, she reported in 1944 to the Bureau of Ordnance Computation Project at Harvard University working with the Mark I electromechanical computing machine.

Hopper plunged in and learned what the machine could do with a clever mathematician at the helm. By the end of World War II in 1945, she was working on the Mark II. Although her marriage was dissolved at this point, and though she had no children, she did not resume her maiden name. She was appointed to the Harvard faculty as a research fellow, and in 1949 she joined the newly formed Eckert-Mauchly Corporation, founded by the builders of ENIAC, one of the first electronic digital computers.

She never again held only one job at a time. She went back and forth among institutions in the military, private industry, business, and academe, and in all these places she was regarded as one of the most incisive strategic “futur-

ists” in the world of computing. Her best-known contribution to computing during this period was the invention in 1953 of the compiler, the intermediate program that translates English language instructions into the language of the target computer.

Her work on compilers and on making machines understand ordinary language instructions led ultimately to the development of the business language COBOL. Hopper’s work also foreshadowed or embodied enormous numbers of developments that are still the very bones of digital computing: subroutines, formula translation, relative addressing, the linking loader, code optimization, and symbolic manipulation.

She was briefly retired from the Naval Reserve in 1966, but was called to active duty the next year to take charge of the Navy’s standardization of COBOL and other languages. In December 1983, she was promoted to the rank of commodore in a White House ceremony. The rank was merged with that of rear admiral two years later, so she became Admiral Hopper. She died on New Year’s Day in 1992 and was buried with full Naval honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Lt. Colonel Nancy Jane Currie

Lt. Colonel Nancy Currie is a technical assistant, Robotics Systems Technology Branch, Engineering Directorate at NASA and the only female soldier astronaut for the United States.



NASA photo

Currie has a doctorate in industrial engineering from the University of Houston and has served in the U.S. Army for more than twenty years.

Prior to her assignment at NASA in 1987, she attended initial rotary wing pilot training and was subsequently assigned as an instructor pilot at the U.S. Army Aviation Center. As a Master Army aviator she has logged more than 3,900 flying hours in a variety of rotary-wing and fixed-wing aircraft.

Currie was assigned to NASA Johnson Space Center in September 1987 as a flight simulation engineer on the Shuttle Training Aircraft, a complex airborne simulator which models flight characteristics of the Orbiter. An astronaut since 1990, she has been involved in robotic hardware and procedure development for the shuttle and space station. A veteran of four space shuttle missions, she has accrued

Test your Women’s History IQ

It’s Women’s History Month! How much do you know about Women’s History?

1. Twenty-six million women won the right to vote through an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Which amendment, and in what year?
2. Name the scientist/author whose book launched the environmental movement.
3. Whose daring refusal to move to the back of a segregated bus sparked the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950’s and ’60s?
4. Broadcast journalist, Robin Roberts, credits the passage of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 with helping her receive her college education. Title IX was enacted for what purpose?
5. Before 1917, it was illegal for doctors to even tell women about contraceptives. Which activist was responsible for reversing this restriction?
6. Wilma Vaught, retired brigadier general, U.S. Air Force and president of the Women’s Memorial foundation is one of the most highly decorated military women in U.S. history. In what year was the law signed which finally permitted women to be promoted to the level of general and admiral and lifted the quotas on women achieving other ranks?
7. Which creative businesswoman became America’s first Black female millionaire?
8. Who was the first Asian-American woman elected to Congress?
9. Tania Leon, award-winning composer and conductor, is an internationally acclaimed musician. What percentage of acclaimed musical conductors in the U.S. are women?
10. Which grass-roots Asian-American activist was inspired to activism first by her incarceration in an internment camp during WWII and later by meeting Malcom X?
11. In 1950, when Senator Margaret Chase Smith challenged the tactics of Senator Joseph McCarthy on the floor of the U.S. Senate, what was the response of most of her fellow senators?
12. Mae Jemison, the first woman of color in space, is currently the director of the Jemison Institute, an organization she founded to advance the use of technology in developing countries. In what year did NASA lift its ban of women in the space program?
13. What woman, founder and president of First Nations Development Institute, made major contributions to the self-sufficiency of Native Americans through the establishment of the first tribal investment model for reservation land reform?
14. What fiery orator and well-known abolitionist spoke out for Women’s rights at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848?



Answers:

1. The 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote was ratified in 1920.
2. Rachel Carson
3. Rosa Parks
4. Title IX provides for equal access to educational opportunities for males and females.

5. Margaret Sanger
6. President Lyndon Johnson signed legislations that allowed women to become generals and admirals and lifted quotas on women achieving other ranks in 1967.
7. Madame CJ Walker
8. Patsy Mink
9. Only nine percent. According to

the American symphony Orchestra League, there are only 85 female conductors employed by its 900 member orchestras.

10. Yuri Kochiyama
11. The majority of senators walked out on her as she was speaking.
12. 1978. Although Jerrie Cobb was the first woman to successfully test for the space

program in 1959, she was not accepted because astronauts were required to have jet pilot experience; and at that time, no women were allowed to fly in the military. It wasn’t until 1978 that a woman, Sally Ride, was accepted in NASA’s astronaut program. Dr. Ride became the first woman in space in 1983.

13. Rebecca Adamson
14. Fredrick Douglas

Community Updates

Thrift Shop offers scholarships

The Fort Huachuca Community Thrift Shop has scholarships available for local students. We also have application forms for the Shirley Hinley Scholarship. These are available at the local schools and the Thrift Shop. Deadline for submitting the applications is Monday. For more information please call 458-4606.

Thrift Shop extends hours

The Fort Huachuca Thrift Shop will open in the evening on the first Tuesday of each month beginning this Tuesday from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. for shopping. Consignments will be taken until 7 p.m. Consignors will only be permitted one consignment per day. This evening opening is on a trial basis and depends on having enough volunteers to operate the shop. A volunteer orientation will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m at the Thrift Shop. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend this meeting. For more information call the shop at 458-4606 Tuesday or Thursday.

New gallery opens

The Huachuca Art Association will open its new Art Gallery, located on 3816 Astro Street in Hereford with a show titled Meet the Artists: Three Gentlemen. The exhibition will be at the gallery from April 4 through May 4. It showcases the work of association members John Marvin, Harlan White, and Angus Bowie Wilson.

An opening reception will be held April 4, 4 - 7 PM. For additional information call of-ficers Sue Thatcher at 378-2000, John Marvin at 803-6697, Sue Olivo at 803-1035, or Wendy Breen 378-1763.

Apply for scholarships

The Fort Huachuca Education Association is now accepting scholarship applications from graduating seniors at Buena High School. Those seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence and have a financial need may apply at the Buena High School counseling office. Deadline for applying is April 4. For further information please contact Jan Camps, scholarship chairperson, at 459-8986.



Spirit of Service Award

The Department of the Army announces its participation in the American Legion’s Spirit of Service award. This award will recognize a member from each of the Armed Forces of the United States, E5 and below, for their outstanding military performance and volunteer service in a local community.

Nominations must be submitted to Headquarters, Training and Doctrine Command, Attn: ATBO-BPS, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-

1048, no later than May 14. Each nomination packet must be submitted through the nominee’s chain of command and include a narrative and biography.

Tuskegee Airmen Award

The Department of the Army announces its participation in the 2003 Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Military award. This program recognizes outstanding military members (Active, Reserve and Guard) from each of the military services, who epitomize the pursuit of excellence in their chosen career fields. Four awards recognizing outstanding achievements are presented in the following categories: junior enlisted, senior enlisted, company grade and field grade military members.

Nominations must be submitted to Headquarters, Training and Doctrine Command, Attn: ATBO-BPS, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1048, no later than May 7. Each nomination packet must be submitted through the nominee’s chain of command and include a narrative and biography.

JITC conference scheduled

The Joint Interoperability Test Command is holding their 13th Annual Interoperability Conference April 21-24 on Fort Huachuca. This year’s theme is “The Interoperability Challenge of Military Transformation”.

Visit the Conference Home Page for information and registration at http://jitc.fhu.disa.mil/iop_conf/2003/iop_conf.htm.

Blue Cross rep. answers queries

A representative for the Arizona Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be available to answer your questions pertaining health insurance benefits on April 15 April from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Room 3, at the Murr Community Center, Fort Huachuca. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Eva Dixon, 533-5735 or Linda Shelman, 533-5273.



Retired officers hold dinner

The Coronado Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, formerly The Retired Officers Association, will hold its monthly dinner meeting for members, spouses and guests at Fort Huachuca’s Lakeside Activity Center tonight. The no-host cocktail party will begin at 6 p.m. with the dinner at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker Sheriff Larry Dever will discuss law enforcement activities in Cochise County.

For information contact Chapter Secretary CW3 (Ret.) Joe Gill at 520/458-4099 or e-mail joegill@c2i2.com.

Shuttle bus schedule extended

The Sierra Vista Public Transit System shuttle bus on Fort Huachuca will extend its service to include a Sunday express line beginning April 6. The service will run from noon to 5 p.m. The first on post pick-up location will be at the Military Intelligence village.

Stops will include South Garden, Kentucky

Fried Chicken, Bonita Apartments, Safeway, Hastings, Sierra Vista mall, Outback, Food City, Frys/Target, Walmart and the Cove. The entire route will take approximately one hour and forty minutes. The cost for the shuttle is \$1. The shuttle bus service will be expanded in May to include a second bus, new routes and better signage.

School flea market planned

Col. Johnston Elementary School will be having a Flea Market for Literacy April 12. It will be from 8am-Noon. There will alsoa yard sale, a bake sale and a used book sale. Money will be used for the author visit, school improvement and sponsoring class parties.

I-10 narrowed tonight

The Arizona Department of Transportation says crews continue to install electronic message signs over sections of Interstate 10 near Benson tonight, narrowing the highway to one lane during overnight hours. Crews also will need to close I-10 for up to 15 minutes at a time to place the signs over the highway. Westbound I-10, milepost 282, will be narrowed to one lane approximately 20 miles west of Benson tonight from 9 until 5 a.m. tomorrow.

Range closures

Range closures today – April 2

Today 27 Mar – AA, AB, AC, AD, AF,

AG, AH, AK AU, T1, T1A, T2, T3
Friday – AA, AB, AC, AD, AF, AG,
AH, AK, AM, AO, AP, T1, T1A, T2, T3
Saturday – AC, T1, T2
Sunday – AQ
Monday – AN, T1A, T2, T3
Tuesday – AN, T1, T1A, T2, T3
Wednesday – AQB, AC, AD, AM, AN,
T1, T1A, T2, T3

For more information on Range Closure contact Range Control 533-7095.

Keep the fort clean

Due to the untidiness of undocumented immigrants, who traverse the open spaces of Fort Huachuca, trash has accumulated in the mountains and rangess. To keep the Fort clean Garrison Commander Col. Lawrence J. Portouw recommends all hikers and bikers pack out more than they pack in, picking up any objects that don’t belong.

The undocumented immigrants often leave behind drinking containers, articles of clothing and various other items.

Fort Huachuca Lent/Holy Week Services

Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service

April 20, 6 a.m.

Main Post Chapel

Keynote Speaker: Father Greg Adolf, St. Andrews Catholic Church

Catholic - Lent

Service	Day	Time	Location
Stations of the Cross	Every Thursday	5 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
“Poor Man’s Meal”	Every Wednesday	Noon	Main Post Chapel
“Poor Man’s Meal”	Every Thursday	6 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Penitential Service	April 11	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel

Catholic - Holy Week

Palm Sunday Mass	April 13	9:30 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Palm Sunday Mass	April 13	11: 30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Holy Thursday Mass	April 17	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Good Friday -			
Stations of the Cross	April 18	11:30 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Service of the Cross	April 18	3 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Holy Saturday Mass	April 19	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Easter Sunday Mass	April 20	9:30 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Easter Sunday Mass	April 20	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel

Protestant - Holy Week

Palm Sunday	April 13	9:20 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Palm Sunday	April 13	9:30 a.m.	Prosser Village
Palm Sunday	April 13	11 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Maundy Thursday	April 7	7 p.m.	Kino Chapel
Good Friday	April 18	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Easter Service	April 20	9:20 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Easter Service	April 20	9:30 a.m.	Prosser Village
Easter Service	April 20	11a.m.	Main Post Chapel

Jewish

Shabbat Service	Every Friday	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Passover Seder	April 16	6:30 p.m.	Main Post Chapel

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Community Events Calendar

To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-6870.

ICW Superstars of Wrestling

will appear Saturday at 7 p.m. at Barnes Field House.
Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door.

1st Quarter Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will be held April 1 at Murr Community center at 4:30 p.m. Call Jo Richter at 533-4823.

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*San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647.
*Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883.

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*Ricky Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.
*National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC.
*Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Café from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502.
*Cochise Chordsmen, SPERSQA, meets at SV Methodist Church at 7 p.m.
*Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.
*Buena show, Jazz & 36” Army Bands in Concert at Buena H.S. Performing Arts Center beginning at 7 p.m. Call 515-2820 for info.

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*La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.
*SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.

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*SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call Robert Atkinson at 459-2711
*National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.
*Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.
*Early Release for Fort Huachuca Schools. Myer, Kindergarten @ 1:20 p.m. Grades 4 &5 @ 1:30p.m. Johnston, grades 1 – 3 @ 1:15 p.m. and Smith, Grades 6-8 @ 1:40 p.m.

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*Rollin’ Thunder Skate Park 5 – 9 p.m. for teens only. Call 533-3205 for information. Open to the public.
*Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.
*SV Parks & Leisure Art Discovery Series presents “Meadowark” at the Buena H.S. Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Admission is \$8 advance purchase, and \$10 at the door. Children are \$2.

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*Water Wise Workshops presents “Do’s & Don’ts of Drip Irrigation from 9 – 10:30 a.m. at U of A South. Call 417-6960 ext. 2139 for information.
*Youth Services at Bldg. 49013 has open recreation from 1 – 8 p.m. Call 533-3205 for info.
*Rollin’ Thunder Skate Park is open 1 - 6 p.m. Call 533-3205 for information. Open to the public.

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· Enjoy the 36” Army Band in “An Afternoon of Jazz & Percussion”. This concert is free and begins at 3 p.m. at the Ethel Berger Center.

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·San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647.
·Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883.

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·Ricky Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.
·National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC.
·Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Cafem from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502.
·Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at SV Methodist Church at 7 p.m.
·Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.

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·La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.
·SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.

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·SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call Robert Atkinson at 459-2711
·National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.
·Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.
·Early Release for Fort Huachuca Schools. Myer, Kindergarten @ 1:20 p.m. Grades 4 &5 @ 1:30p.m. Johnston, grades 1 – 3 @ 1:15 p.m. and Smith, Grades 6-8 @ 1:40 p.m.

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· Rollin’ Thunder Skate Park 5 – 9 p.m. for teens only. Call 533-3205 for information. Open to the public.
· Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.
· The Sierra Vista Symphony presents “Annual Pops Concert” with selections from The Music Man, Victory at Sea and Slaughter on 10th Avenue. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Buena H.S. Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$14 for seniors/military/\$16 for adults. Call 417-6960 for details.

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· Friends of the San Pedro Hike the St David River. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. and costs \$5 per person. For details call 459-2555.
· Youth Services at Bldg. 49013 has open recreation from 1 – 8 p.m. Call 533-3205 for info.
· Rollin’ Thunder Skate Park is open 1 - 6 p.m. Call 533-3205 for information. Open to the public.
· Barbershop Quartet begins at 7 p.m. at the Buena H.S. Performing Arts Center. Call 515-2820 for information.

MCC = Murr Community Center

MPC = Main Post Chapel

OYCC = Oscar Yrun Community Center

Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-3686 or 533-2330

Fort will host GIPC in May

BY KIMBERRY
US ARMY CECOM CSLA

The US Army Communications-Electronics Command Communications Security Logistics Activity is hosting its 12th annual Global Information Security Partnership Conference also known as GIPC, May 6-8 here at Fort Huachuca.

The conference theme is, “Cryptographic Modernization: Securing the Modern Battlefield.”

The GIPC is a training conference designed to promote a professional exchange of current INFOSEC, COMSEC and Information Assurance between COMSEC Custodians, Signal Officers, Warrant Officers, Senior Noncommissioned officers,, COMSEC Maintenance Officers, Accountable Officers, Serialization Officers, INFOSEC Program Managers, Department of the Army/major command staff officers, and others working in the INFOSEC field.

The GIPC will cover a wide range of topics addressing both current and future INFOSEC Acquisitions, COMSEC Auditing, Policy and Procedures, Security, Threat, Protective Technologies and many others.

The training and information sharing will be accomplished through workshops, lectures, hands-on opportunities, individual discussions and displays provided by a cadre of CSLA, other DoD, and contractor representatives. All

lectures, workshops and displays will be held in Greely Hall.

To attend the conference, you must be a United States citizen and have a security clearance of secret or higher.

The conference fee is \$75 per person. This fee covers all conference sessions, workshops, presentations and briefings. This fee does not cover the cost for social events such as the GIPC icebreaker and luncheon.

Accessibility to a Web site for on-line conference registration, workshop registration, and credit card payment is scheduled for availability soon. Once the Web site becomes available, an announcement will be posted on the Headquarters, DA G2 Web site: <https://daispom-odcsint.us.army.mil/comsec.asp>.

If you plan to attend GIPC 2003, make travel and lodging arrangements early and be prepared to register on-line as soon as you are able. If lodging is not available at Fort Huachuca, a lodging control number (formerly known as a Statement of Non-availability) is required.

For the Fort Huachuca billeting office, or for a lodging control number, call defense switching network 821-2222/5361 or commercial 533-2222/5361. In the event billeting is not available, and once you have obtained a lodging control number, refer to the list below to make lodging arrangements. Be sure to mention you will be attending the GIPC when making reservations because CSLA has blocked



rooms in most of these local hotels for this event. Hotel rates vary, contact the hotel directly to inquire about their current rates.

For more information concerning GIPC 2003, contact the following specialized points of contact:

For Web site information: Annette Geller, DSN 879-7557, CML 538-7557, E-mail: annette.geller@csla.army.mil or Gloria Henderson, DSN 879-8341, CML 538-8341, E-mail: gloria.henderson@csla.army.mil.

For Lodging, Airlines, and Rental Car Information: Tom Hall, DSN 879-8155, CML 538-8155, E-mail: tom.hall@csla.army.mil.

For Workshop Presenters: Gloria Henderson, DSN 879-8341, CML 538-8341, E-mail: gloria.henderson@csla.army.mil.

To be a Vendor Exhibitor: Mike Calabrese, DSN 879-6924, CML 538-6924, E-mail: michael.calabrese@csla.army.mil.

For all other inquiries: Don Owen, DSN 879-6454, CML 538-6454, E-mail: don.owen@csla.army.mil

DoD contracts going paperless

The Department of Defense Contracting activities are moving toward electronic processing of invoices for solicitations and contracts issued after March 1. This requires contractors to invoice electronically and DoD activities to electronically process the invoices and all supporting payment documentation, such as receiving reports.

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement clause 252.232-7003, Electronic Submission of Payment Requests will be included in affected solicitations and contracts.

This requirement applies to all solicitations issued after March 1 except: (1) solicitations resulting in contracts which will be paid for using the Government Purchase Card (2) awards made to foreign vendors for work outside the US (3) classified contracts or purchases when electronic submission and processing of payment requests could compromise the safeguard of classified information or national security (4) contracts awarded by deployed Contracting Officers (i.e., contingency operations) (5) urgent and compelling contracting actions and (6) cases where the contractor is unable to submit or DoD is unable to receive a payment request in electronic form and the Contracting Officer, Defense Finance and Accounting Service and contractor mutually agree on an alternative method.

For more information on this process, including its objectives and benefits, see <https://rmb.ogden.disa.mil/FuncInfo.html>.

Pets of the week



My name is Joseph. I am an adult male, Black Lab Mix. I need a good home. To be part of your family I will only be \$42. This fee includes a heartworm test, neuter, microchip, deworming, and vaccinations.



My name is Cierra. I am a playful 5-month-old, tricolor female, German Shepard Mix. I love kids, and I am good with cats and dogs. I am housebroken and current on my shots. My adoption fee is only \$52 and will include my spaying, deworming, heartworm test, and microchip.



My name is Rook. I am an adult gray and white male cat. I love to be petted and enjoy being outside. I have already been neutered. I just need my vaccinations, deworming, microchip, and feline leukemia test. My adoption fee covers all this for \$42.



My name is Tabby. I am 3-month-old female, gray kitten. I am very playful and need a good home. My adoption fee for \$52 includes my spaying, microchip, deworming, feline leukemia test, and vaccinations.

These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 533-2767.

Annex dedicated to fallen soldier

BY NELL DRUMHELLER
THE SCOUT

Just over a year ago Pfc. William Hamm, a common ground station operator, was killed by an errant shell while standing in line at a mess tent at Fort Drum, N. Y.

Last week, a year to the date of his death, a two-story annex of Goddard Hall was renamed and dedicated to Hamm.

The Hamm Annex will be used as a multimedia classroom to support future common ground station operators, according to Maj. Bruce Sullivan, executive officer, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Hamm's widow, Debbie, his stepdaughter, Lisa Parsells and his mother, Isabel Gray attended the dedication ceremony.

Hamm was a graduate in 2001 of the more than three-month common ground station operator course.

There he learned to gather intelligence information including through the use of a down-

link from the JSTARS aircraft.

A note was read, written by Hamm, during the ceremony. In the note he said of the seven Army values, “I have come to the conclusion that duty is my favorite.

“Duty means to fulfill your obligations. Obligations are something I strongly believe in. Not just for the Army,” the note continued. “But I also feel a sense of duty to my family, friends and all other Americans for I have taken an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States and this duty, this obligation, I will do to the best of my ability.”

Col. Michael Flynn, commander, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, spoke at the dedication. He said Pfc. Hamm's life was cut short before he had time to prove himself.

“He simply wanted to be a soldier.” He added that Hamm's sense of what Army duty is, something future soldiers who attend the ground station operators training on post will have as an inspiration.

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ward to address some of our large water usage problems in the area,” Portouw said.

The reported historical agriculture pumping on the property amounted to more than 600 acre-feet of water per year, with one acre-foot is equal to 326,000 gallons.

The Nature Conservancy purchased the property when it came on the market three years ago, and worked with the Sylvesters to design a conservation easement meeting the landowners' needs, and protecting the water resource.

Charles Sylvester said his son owns property across adjacent to his, and has already benefited from a reduction in irrigation in the area. “That pivot has been out of use for about three years now, and the water level in his will has gone up four or five feet,” he said.

According to Evelyn Sylvester, the cost of the property was significantly reduced by the easement. She said she is especially



Photo by Eric Cramer

Col. Lawrence Portouw, U.S. Army Garrison commander, shakes hands with Charles Sylvester at their ranch Monday following the Conservation Easement agreement.

pleased because the easement helps meet Fort Huachuca's water mitigation requirements.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE RELEASE

Recent tax law changes have created new deductions, tax credits, and incentives to benefit most taxpayers paying for college.

With so many rules in play, it can be difficult to figure out which of these benefits to use. Understanding what is available will ensure that you can make the best choice.

Education credits

There are two tax credits available for higher education expenses paid in 2002 for an eligible student: the Hope Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit.

These credits can be combined if there are multiple students in the same household; however, each individual may only use one of the two credits.

To be eligible for the Hope Credit, qualified tuition and related expenses must be incurred during

the first two years of a student's post-secondary education.

The student must also carry at least half of the normal full-time workload for the course of study the student is pursuing.

The credit can be as much as \$1,500 – 100 percent of the first \$1,000 of qualified expenses and 50 percent of the next \$1,000.

The Lifetime Learning Credit is not limited to the first two years of post-secondary education.

It applies to expenses for undergraduate and postgraduate schooling as well as continuing education courses, including expenses for classes at eligible institutions to *acquire or improve job skills*.

The credit can be as much as \$1,000 – 20 percent of the first \$5,000 of qualified expenses.

Tuition and fees deduction

Beginning with tax year 2002, taxpayers may deduct up to \$3,000 of these expenses “above the line,”

i.e. whether or not they itemize deductions on Schedule A.

This deduction cannot be taken in conjunction with the above mentioned education credits.

To claim the deduction, the taxpayer must have incurred qualified expenses for an eligible student who attended a qualified educational institution during 2002.

Student loan interest deduction

Taxpayers are entitled an above the line deduction for interest paid on certain student loans. The maximum deduction for student loan interest for 2002 is \$2,500.

This deduction is subject to a phase out in that the amount you would otherwise be able to deduct is decreased in relation to the level of income you earn.

For example a single person whose modified adjusted gross income is more than \$50,000 but less than \$65,000 would have a deduction

that is limited, while a single person with a modified adjusted gross income over \$65,000 could not even claim the deduction.

A taxpayer cannot claim the student loan interest deduction if another can claim this person as a dependent or if the taxpayer does not file a joint return with their spouse.

The Fort Huachuca Tax Center is now available Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Tax Center can file taxes electronically and answer tax questions for all eligible active duty soldiers, dependents and retirees.

To avoid any complications with electronic returns the last day to e-file is April 7, although the Tax Center will be open to do hard copies until April 15.

The Tax Center is located in De Rosy Cabell Hall, Building 22324 on Christy Avenue right across from the Installation Self-help Center. For more information call 533-1314.



New tax break for college students